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## **Roskam, Price Applaud Passage of Resolution Affirming Georgia's Territorial Integrity**

Congressman Peter Roskam (R-IL) and Congressman David Price (D-NC), the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Democracy Partnership (HDP), released the following statement today after the House of Representatives passed House Resolution 660, which expresses the sense of the House of Representatives to support the territorial integrity of Georgia:

*"Together with Georgia's political leaders, the House Democracy Partnership has devised practical ways of strengthening the democratic institutions of governance after a turbulent period of ongoing aggression by neighboring Russia,"* said Congressman Roskam.

*"This bipartisan legislation makes clear that Congress is firmly on the side of democracy and self-determination in the Caucasus"* said Congressman Price. *"In my work with HDP, I have seen firsthand that the Georgian people are committed to democratic principles, and we must not allow external aggressors in the region to stand in the way of Georgia's bright future."*

H.Res. 660 affirms the territorial integrity of the Georgian people, who have endured years of Russian aggression and Russian occupation on their lands. Congressman Roskam led a bipartisan HDP mission to Georgia in July 2015 that included a visit to the Russian occupied territory of South Ossetia.

Chairman Roskam and Ranking Member Price reflected on HDP's 2015 trip to Georgia:

*"A little more than a year after our visit, HDP continues to work with Georgian reformers to defeat corruption, strengthen the economy, and build relationships with international institutions, in order to reflect in the political system the country's ambitions and strengthen its position on the international arena."*

The House Democracy Partnership, founded in 2005, is bipartisan commission of the House of Representatives that works to promote responsive, effective government and strengthen democratic institutions by assisting legislatures in emerging democracies. The Parliament of Georgia has been an active member of the Partnership since 2006.

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